CHAPTER NO. 633

SENATE BILL NO. 2129

By McNally, Kurita, Burks, Williams, Ramsey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2061

By Kent, Hargett, Todd, Hargrove, Winningham, Walker, Brenda Turner

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (1)(E); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (1)(F) and substituting instead a semicolon and the word "and"; and by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

(1)(G) Police officer.

- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated item to subdivision (4):
 - (C) Police officer -- regular fee applicable to the vehicle and as provided for in § 55-4-222(f).
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-222, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:
 - (f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is resident of the State of Tennessee and who is a full-time police officer as defined by § 38-8-101(1) and is certified as such, and authorized, by the chief law enforcement officer of the organization to which such person is attached or by which such person is employed, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle, shall be issued an emergency registration plate.
- SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1)(F) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:
 - (F) Emergency services squad, including, but not limited to, emergency medical technicians and paramedics; and
- SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (4)(B)(iv) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:
 - (4)(B)(iv) Emergency services squad, including, but not limited to, emergency medical technicians and paramedics; and

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-222(d), is amended inserting the following language between the language "subsequent federal census" and ", upon complying with the title and registration law,":

or who is a resident of this state and is an emergency medical technician or paramedic

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 3, 2002

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this day of 2002

DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had Senate Bill No. 2129 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.